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In re the application of: Derek Ian Joseph Hopkins

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004, the Response of which is extended to September 30, 2004, by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above titled application as follows.